

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

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U.S. EPA'S COMPENSATION OFFERS NAVAJO RADIOACTIVE STRUCTURES REMOVAL SITES

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1) Option 1: Financial Settlement. When the structure owner decides to not rebuild a structure, EPA will provide the structure owner a financial settlement in the amount of the replacement value of the materials of a "decent, safe, and sanitary" structure, as that term is defined by the URA at 49 Code of Federal Regulations 24.2(a)(8) ("Decent, Safe, and Sanitary"). EPA will issue the Structure Owner a one-time check in the amount of the "Materials" only quoted to EPA to rebuild a Hogan that is comparable in style to the original demolished structure.

Original Structure
Ceremonial Hogan w/Traditional Dirt Filled Floor

Materials
\$29,966.46

Ceremonial Hogan w/Concrete Slab Floor \$32,621.46

Bed and Breakfast Hogan \$38,985.86

2) Option 2: EPA Rebuilds Structure. EPA will rebuild a comparable replacement structure that, to the maximum extent practicable, is Decent, Safe, and Sanitary and located on the same Property.³

Original Structure

Ceremonial Hogan w/Traditional Dirt Filled Floor

Ceremonial Hogan w/Concrete Slab Floor

Bed and Breakfast Hogan

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¹ It is EPA's understanding that the Ceremonial Hogan with the "traditional dirt filled floor" conforms to the traditional and cultural Navajo Nation standards for such ceremonial structures. EPA believes that such structures still comply with the Decent, Safe, and Sanitary standard under the URA, because these Ceremonial Hogans are not intended for residential use.

² These are the models EPA currently has available. In the future EPA may provide different or additional models based on availability and needed replacement sizes and styles as well as different compensation amounts based on cost variations among the different Navajo Nation regional areas.

³ For example, there may be situations where the original Property can not be cleaned for future residential use, so the replacement structure may be rebuilt at a different location. Additionally, there may be situations where it is beyond EPA's control and ability to ensure that the replacement structure has access to all of the Navajo Nation utility services.